

HOUSE BILL NO. 706

INTRODUCED BY D. MCALPIN

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THREE AWARDS TO BE MADE ANNUALLY BY THE GOVERNOR TO ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS DISTINGUISHED IN PREVENTING, REDUCING, OR ADVOCATING AGAINST USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS; ALLOWING THE GOVERNOR TO ADOPT ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR MAKING THE AWARDS; PROVIDING FOR THE TYPE OF AWARDS; AND ALLOWING THE GOVERNOR TO DETERMINE THE TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER OF MAKING THE AWARDS."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Governor's tobacco-free awards. (1) The governor shall annually make the following three awards to the following individuals:

(a) the tobacco-free campus award, to a suitable individual representing the campus or other location of an educational institution in Montana that has demonstrated a reduction in the number of students who use tobacco or the prevention of students from becoming tobacco users;

(b) the tobacco-free workplace award, to a suitable individual at a public or private office, job site, or other place of employment that has demonstrated a reduction in the numbers of employees or other persons connected to the workplace who use tobacco or the prevention of those persons from becoming tobacco users; and

(c) the tobacco-free advocate award, to an individual working in the field of tobacco use cessation or prevention.

(2) Each award made by the governor must consist of a certificate or other document suitable for framing memorializing the efforts or achievements of the entity or individual in reducing or preventing tobacco use.

(3) To make the awards provided for in subsection (1), the governor shall accept nominations from individuals, offices, businesses, and interest groups. Each of the awards must be made for the entity or individual who has become distinguished among others as a result of actions meeting the criteria provided in subsections (1)(a) through (1)(c). Additional criteria for the awards may be adopted by the governor.

(4) The awards must be made at a time and place and in a manner determined by the governor.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 2, chapter 15, part 2, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 15, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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